out to him, "You are not a human being, but a God."

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THE MOST UNSKILFUL TEACHER.—In one man all his real virtues are implanted on the soil of his spirit of contradiction, in another on his incapacity to say "no"—in other words, on his spirit of acquiescence. A third has made all his morality grow out of his pride as a solitary, a fourth from his strong social instinct. Now, supposing that theseeds of the virtues in these four cases, owing to mischance or unskilful teachers, were not sown on the soil of their nature, which provides them with the richest and most abundant mould, they would become weak, unsatisfactory men (devoid of morality). And who would have been the most unskilful of teachers, the evil genius of these men ? The moral fanatic, who thinks that the good can only grow out of the good and on the soil of the good.

THE CAUTIOUS STYLE.—A. But if this were known to *all,* it would be injurious to the *majority.* You yourself call your opinions dangerous to those in danger, and yet you make them public ?

B. I write so that neither the mob, nor the *populi)* nor the parties of all kinds can read me. So my opinions will never be " public opinions/[7]

A. How do you write, then ?

B. Neither usefully nor pleasantly—for the three
classes I have mentioned.